

'Get Mitchell, Protesters Yell At Coast Talk

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PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 23 (UPI). — While long-haired protesters outside shouted curses, Attorney General John N. Mitchell vowed to seek laws curbing obscenity and pornography.

The 200 antiwar demonstrators and the Cabinet member couldn't hear each other as they presented their obviously opposing views in conflicting fashion Saturday night at the Hilton Hotel.

The protesters shouted obscenities, yelled "Get Mitchell" and waved Vietcong flag. A handful tried to march into the building, but were turned back by police. One was arrested for shouting obscenities.

D. A. CONVENTION

The attorney general addressed the annual convention of the National District Attorneys' Association inside the hotel, telling its members he would continue to seek strong tools to curb smut.

Following his talk, Mitchell was whisked to the airport by FBI agents for a flight to San Clemente, Calif., and talks with President Nixon.

The demonstration was a harbinger of things to come in Portland—where thousands of dissidents are expected to stage protests during the American Legion national convention starting Friday.

Whether or not there is a connection between obscenity and antisocial behavior, Mitchell told the district attorneys, a society must "encourage the best and discourage the worst" in human behavior.

CALLED HARMFUL

Mitchell also took strong issue with the proposition pornography is harmless—one of the tentative conclusions of a Presidential commission making an in-depth study of obscenity and pornography.